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SUBJ: KHMER IN 29TH UNGA: RAZAK APPROACH TO NE WIN

REF: A) STATE 235695

B) USUN 235626

C) RANGOON 3022

D) STATE 235060

1. RAZAK HAS DEVELOPED GOOD RAPPORT WITH NE WIN AND PC
IS POSSIBLE THAT HIS INTERCESSION ON KHMER ISSUE MIGHT BE
SUCCESSFUL. WE CANNOT, HOWEVER, JUDGE "OVERKILL" QUESTION OR
RELATIVE IMPACT ON APPEALS FROM MOUNTBATTEN, SUHARTO OR
RAZAK.

2. RAZAK WOULD BE MOST LIKELY TO APPROACH NE WIN IF
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REQUEST CAME AS RESULT OF ASEAN GROUP DECISION IN NEW

YORK CONVEYED THROUGH GOM'S CHIEF DELEGATE TAN SRI SARDON. WE SUGGEST, THEREFORE, THAT PROBLEM OF WINNING OVER BURMA BE CONSIDERED BY THIS GROUP AND LET IT DECIDE ON WHO SHOULD MAKE THE APPROACH. LESS DESIRABLE ALTERNATIVE WOULD BE FOR LONG BORET TO APPROACH RAZAK THROUGH GKR AMBASSADOR HERE OR THROUGH SARDON IN NEW YORK.

3. DIRECT U.S. APPROACH TO RAZAK WOULD HAVE LEAST CHANCE OF SUCCESS AND COULD WEAKEN GOM EFFORTS IN KHMER BEHALF. U.S. ROLE IN HELPING CAMBODIA SURVIVE IS IN THIS UNGA CONTEXT A POINT OF VULNERABILITY AND WEAKNESS. WE STRONGLY SUPPORT USUN'S VIEWS (REF B) ON THE IMPORTANCE OF PERMITTING THE ASEAN GROUP IN THE UN TO CONTINUE TO LEAD IN THIS MATTER AND SHARE USUN'S CONCERN THAT U.S. INITIATIVES COULD WEAKEN ASIAN EFFORTS TO PRESERVE KHMER SEAT. WE FEEL THAT WHILE USG SHOULD CONTINUE TO ASSIST WITH OUR FASTER AND MORE SECURE COMMUNICATIONS AND BETTER TACTICAL INTELLIGENCE, WE SHOULD REMAIN AS FAR IN THE BACKGROUND ON THIS ISSUE AS POSSIBLE.
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